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Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Sendai, Japan (14-18 March 2015)

Official meetings

Friday, 13 March 2015

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction
Third session

10:00	1st meeting	Exhibition Hall 1
	Opening remarks by the Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee	
	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters of the Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.224/PC(III)/1, A/CONF.224/PC(III)/2 and A/CONF.224/PC(III)/3) [item 1]	
	Other matters (A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.1) [item 4]	
	Draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction [item 2]	
	Draft political declaration [item 3]	
To be decided	2nd meeting	Exhibition Hall 1
	Draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction [item 2]	
	Draft political declaration [item 3]	
	Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its third session (A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.2 (to be issued)) [item 5]	
	Conclusion of the session	
	Closing statement by the Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee	

Briefing for Major Groups and other stakeholders

A coordination meeting for Major Groups and other stakeholders will be held *today*, 13 March 2015, from 08:00 to 09:00, in the Main Hall, Sendai International Centre.

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Programme of working sessions and side events

A list of preparatory meetings to be held *today*, 13 March 2015, is available on the official Conference website (please *click here*).

The interactive online programme of working sessions and side events (on-site) to be held during the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction is also available on the official Conference website (please *click here*). Queries regarding side events should be addressed to wcdrr2015@un.org (with subject line "Public Forum").

Forthcoming official meetings

Saturday, 14 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

11:00[1] to 13:30[3] 1st plenary meeting Exhibition Hall 2[2]

1. Opening of the Conference [item 1]
2. Election of the President [item 2]
3. Statement by the President [item 3]

   Statement by His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

   Statement by His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan[3]

   Statement by His Excellency Sam Kahamba Kutesa, President of the sixty-ninth session of the General-Assembly

   Statement by His Excellency Laurent Fabius, Incoming President of the 21st session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change[3]

   Statement by Ms. Regina Pritchett, representative of the nine Major Groups as defined in Agenda 21

   Statement by Her Excellency Emiko Okuyama, Mayor of Sendai City,[3]
4. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work (A/CONF.224/1 and A/CONF.224/2) [item 4]
5. Adoption of the rules of procedure (A/CONF.224/3) [item 5]
6. Election of officers other than the President [item 6]

[1]All participants in Exhibition Hall 2 are kindly requested to be seated *by 10:45*.

[2]Exhibition Hall 1 will serve as an overflow room.

[3]Subject to the adoption of document A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.1 by the Preparatory Committee.

7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference: Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [item 7 (a)]

8. General exchange of views [item 8][1]

Address by His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan

Address by His Excellency Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, President of Turkmenistan

Address by His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland

Address by His Excellency Anote Tong, President, Head of Government and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kiribati

Address by His Excellency Emanuel Mori, President and Head of Government of the Federated States of Micronesia

Address by His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya

Address by His Excellency Baldwin Lonsdale, President of the Republic of Vanuatu

Address by His Excellency Al Hadji Yahya A.J.J. Jammeh, President of the Republic of the Gambia

Address by His Excellency Robert G. Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe

Address by His Excellency Paul Biya, President of the Republic of Cameroon

Address by His Excellency Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, President of the Togolese Republic

15:00 to 18:00 2nd plenary meeting Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8][1] *(continued)*

Address by Her Excellency Nguyen Thi Doan, Vice-President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

Address by His Excellency Muhammad Jussuf Kalla, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia

Address by His Excellency Kwesi Bekoe Amissah-Arthur, Vice-President of the Republic of Ghana

Address by His Excellency Prosper Bazombanza, Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi

Address by His Excellency James Wani Igga, Vice-President of the Republic of South Sudan

Address by Her Excellency Inonge Wina, Vice-President of the Republic of Zambia

Address by His Excellency Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia

[1]Speakers remaining from a plenary meeting, if any, will be given the floor at the beginning of the next meeting.

Address by His Excellency Prayuth Chan-ocha, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand

Address by His Excellency Mizengo Pinda, Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania

Address by His Excellency Anastase Murekezi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Rwanda

Statement by His Excellency Murodali Alimardon, Deputy Prime Minister of Tajikistan

Statement by His Excellency Numan Kurtulmus, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey

Statement by His Excellency Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia

Statement by His Excellency Siaosi Sovaleni, Deputy Prime Minister of Tonga

Statement by his Excellency Ukhnaa Khurelsukh, Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia

Statement by His Excellency Asang Laoly, Deputy Prime Minister and Chair of the National Disaster Prevention and Control Committee of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

Statement by His Excellency Pravin Gordhan, Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)

Statement by Her Excellency María del Pilar Cornejo,Minister of the Secretariat of Risk Management of Ecuador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC))

Statement by His Excellency Brendan Howlin, Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform of Ireland

Statement by His Excellency Vladimir Puchkov, Minister for Civil Defence, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disaster of the Russian Federation

Statement by His Excellency Didier Burkhalter, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Switzerland

Statement by His Excellency Rajnath Singh, Minister of Home Affairs of India

Statement by His Excellency Li Liguo, Minister of Civil Affairs of China

Statement by Mr. Peter Burian, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia

2. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

Statement by Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

Statement by His Excellency Le Luong Minh, Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

Statement by Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director-General of the International Organization for Migration

High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 1 "Mobilizing women's leadership in disaster risk reduction"

15:00 to 18:00 Exhibition Hall 1

Co-Chairs

Her Excellency Loren Legarda, Member of the Senate of the Republic of the Philippines

Her Excellency Sanae Takaichi, Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan

Keynote speaker

His Excellency Shinzō Abe, Prime Minister of Japan

Moderator

Mr. Riz Khan, International journalist

Panellists

Her Excellency Tarja Halonen, Former President of the Republic of Finland

Her Excellency Emiko Okuyama, Mayor of Sendai City

Her Excellency Kristalina Georgieva, Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources, European Commission

Ms. Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director, United Nation World Food Programme

Mr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund

Ms. Adi Vasulevu Merewalesi, Representative, FemLINK PACIFIC

Announcements

List of speakers for the plenary meetings

Inscription on the list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the Conference (item 8 of the provisional agenda (A/CONF.224/1), "General exchange of views") *is open.*

All delegations wishing to inscribe are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat, in writing, by e-mail (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (poliakova@un.org)) indicating the name and title of the speaker. The list of speakers for the general exchange of views will be established on a first-come first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that Heads of States or Government speak first, followed by other heads of delegation. It is proposed that a time limit of *five minutes* be established for each statement.

All delegations prior to delivery of the statement are kindly requested to e-mail a copy of their statement to wcdrr2015@un.org, indicating in the subject line, "Statement and Name of Country or Organization". Where possible, statements should be provided one day in advance of delivery or *at least 3 hours before* delivery of statement.

In addition to the representatives of States participating in the Conference and the representative of the European Union, representatives of the following organizations may, time permitting and without setting a precedent, make a statement under agenda item 9 (Statements by inter-governmental and other organizations) and item 10 (Statements by non-governmental organizations) of the provisional agenda in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.224/3): (a) intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices; (b) specialized agencies and related organizations; (c) other intergovernmental organizations; (d) interested United Nations organs; and (e) associate members of regional commissions. The representatives of the non-governmental organizations and other major groups may also be added to the list of speakers. Representatives of these organizations and entities may contact the secretariat (Ms. Maria Pamela Portillo (e-mail portillo@un.org)) to be inscribed in the list of speakers.

Ministerial roundtables

The topics of the five ministerial roundtables are "Governing Disaster Risk: Overcoming Challenges"; "International Cooperation in support of a Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction"; "Reducing Disaster Risk in Urban Settings"; "Reconstructing after Disasters: Build Back Better" and "Public Investment Strategies for Disaster Risk Reduction".

The roundtables will be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature, with 45 seats each: up to 40 for Government delegations and at least 5 for other participants, including representatives of observers, entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations and major groups. Member States and other participants are encouraged to be represented at the roundtables at the highest possible level. In a Note Verbale dated 28 November 2014, delegations were requested to submit three choices, in order of preference, together with the name, title and email address of the participating minister and delegate to the Secretariat (e-mail palm@un.org, with a copy to goldfinch@un.org). Concept notes on the ministerial roundtables are available on the Conference website.

High level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues

The topics of the three high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues are "Mobilizing Women's Leadership in Disaster Risk Reduction", "Risk Sensitive Investment: Public-Private Partnerships", and "Inclusive Disaster Risk Management: Governments, Communities and Groups Acting Together".

The high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues will be interactive and open to all conference participants. There will be no prepared list of speakers. At the discretion of the Chair or Chairs, priority in the order of speakers will be given to those speaking at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level, followed by high-level representatives of other stakeholders. The dialogues will aim to achieve a balance among speakers from all stakeholders. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions should not exceed *three minutes*. Representatives of States are invited to indicate to the Secretariat by e-mail (palm@un.org, with a copy to goldfinch@un.org) if they will be represented in a partnership dialogue at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level. Concept notes on the high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues are available on the Conference website.

Credentials

In accordance with rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, the credentials of representatives and names of alternate representatives and advisers should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs located on B306, Level 3, Sendai International Conference Centre Building (Attn. Ms. Tomoko Iwata; or Mr. Keiichiro Okimoto). The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Commission.

Accreditation

Accreditation of official delegations of States, intergovernmental organizations and associate members of regional commissions, as well as specialized agencies and related organizations, is handled by the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service via the online system "eAccreditation". Submission of online accreditation requests for members of the delegations via "eAccreditation" system must be handled by permanent/observer missions and offices in New York, who have already been registered and provided with secured login credential (password). Delegations wishing to attend the conference are advised to coordinate with their missions/offices in New York for timely submission of accreditation requests.

For detailed guideline on accreditation to the conference, please refer to the Protocol note verbale of 13 January 2015 (PRO/NV/WCDRR 2015/ARRANGEMENTS) posted on the protocol website www.un.int/protocol.

Additional information on the Conference is also available on the conference website (*click here*).

General information

More details on the information below are available in document A/CONF.224/INF/1.

Security screening

Every effort is being made to ensure that security screening for access to the Conference venue is smooth and fast, but some delays may be unavoidable. All participants are encouraged to arrive early, to avoid bringing large items, and to prepare for screening when approaching the metal detectors.

Information for participants

A note by the Secretariat containing information for participants has been issued as document A/CONF.224/INF/1.

Distribution of official documents

A documents counter with limited hard copies of official documents and the *Journal* for delegations will be located in the Exhibition Hall 1 for the third session of the Preparatory Committee, and in Exhibition Hall 2, during the plenary meetings of the Conference. Delegations are encouraged to bring their own mobile devices loaded with the relevant documentation. All Conference documents will be available on the Conference website

(*click here*). A print-on-demand service will be available for a fee at the Business Centre for those delegations needing extra hard copies.

Circulation of written statements

Pursuant to rule 66 of the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, written statements submitted by the designated representatives referred to in rules 60 to 65 shall be distributed by the secretariat to all delegations in the quantities and in the languages in which the statements are made available to it at the site of the Conference, provided that a statement submitted on behalf of a non-governmental organization is related to the work of the Conference and is on a subject in which the organization has a special competence. Copies of written statements shall not be made by the secretariat and the written statements shall not be issued as official documents of the Conference.

All delegations, prior to delivery of the statement, are kindly requested to e-mail a copy of their statement to wcdrr2015@un.org, indicating in the subject line, "Statement and name of country or organization". Where possible, statements should be provided one day in advance of delivery or at least three hours before the delivery of the statement for onward transmission to interpreters and secretariat note-takers and for posting on the Conference website.

Arrangements for bilateral meetings

For bilateral meetings among States at the Head of State or Government or ministerial level, requests can be sent to wcdrr2015@un.org. To prevent double booking, only the delegation initiating the bilateral meeting should submit the request. Reservations will be accepted for 20-minute durations. It is essential that all requests specify the date and time of each meeting, and include the name of the other delegation participating in the bilateral meeting and expected number of participants. Limited rooms, of varying sizes with a capacity to hold between eight, ten or twelve participants in total, will be available for bilateral meetings. Every effort will be made to keep consecutive appointments of the same delegation in the same room.

Live webcast coverage

The United Nations webcast services will provide live and on-demand coverage of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Official Statements, High level Partnership Dialogue sessions, Ministerial Roundtable sessions and Press Conferences. The webcast coverage is available on the UN Web TV website at http://webtv.un.org, in English, Japanese and the original language of the speaker.

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   Statement by His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

   Statement by His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of the host country

   Statement by His Excellency Laurent Fabius, Incoming President of the twenty-first session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

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Statement by Mr. Peter Burian, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia

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Statements by Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

Statement by His Excellency Han Seung-soo, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Disaster Risk Reduction and Water

Statement by Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director-General of the International Organization for Migration

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High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 1 "Mobilizing women's leadership in disaster risk reduction"

15:00 to 18:00 [webcast] Exhibition Hall 1

Co-Chairs

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Interactive Exchange

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Main Committee

15:00 1st meeting Tachibana Hall

Programme of working sessions and side events

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Sunday, 15 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

10:00 to 13:00 3rd plenary meeting Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8] *(continued)*

Statement by His Excellency John Amarathunga, Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Religious Affairs of Sri Lanka

Statement by His Excellency Gerry Brownlee, Leader of the House, Minister of Defence, Minister of Canterbury Earthquake Recovery, Minister responsible for the Earthquake Commission of New Zealand

Statement by His Excellency Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury, Minister of Disaster Management and Relief of Bangladesh

Statement by Her Excellency Ségolène Royal, Minister of Ecology, Energy and Sustainable Development of France

Statement by His Excellency Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli, Minister of Interior of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Statement by His Excellency Pehin Dato Mohammad Yasmin Umar, Minister of Energy of Brunei Darussalam

Statement by His Excellency Samuel Manetoali, Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology of the Solomon Islands

Statement by His Excellency K. Shanmugam, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law of Singapore

Statement by His Excellency Michael Keenan, Minister for Justice of Australia

Statement by His Excellency Faamoetauloa Taito Faale Tumaalii, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Samoa

Statement by His Excellency Park In Yong, Minister of Public Safety and Security of the Republic of Korea

Statement by His Excellency George Thapatula Chaponda, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Malawi

Statement by His Excellency Gilberto Magalhães Occhi, Minister of National Integration of Brazil

Statement by His Excellency Abdoulaye Daouda Diallo, Minister of the Interior and Public Security of Senegal

Statement by Her Excellency Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi, Minister of International Cooperation and Development of the United Arab Emirates

Statement by His Excellency Aaron Cook, Minister for Commerce, Industry and Environment of Nauru

Statement by His Excellency Mahafaly Solonandrasana Olivier Jocelyn, Minister of Interior and Decentralization of Madagascar

Statement by Her Excellency Laila Iskander, Minister for Urban Renewal and Informal Settlements of Egypt

Statement by His Excellency Noel Arscott, Minister of Local Government and Community Development of Jamaica

Statement by His Excellency Ismat Abdelrahman Zeinelabdin Elhassan, Minister of Interior of the Sudan

Statement by His Excellency Kubatbek Boronov, Minister of Emergency Situations of Kyrgyzstan

2. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

Statement by Ms. Grete Faremo, Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services

Statement by Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Statement by Ms. Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director of the World Food Programme

Statement by Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund

Statement by Mr. Jean Claude de l'Estrac, Secretary-General of the Indian Ocean Commission

15:00 to 18:00 4th plenary meeting Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8] *(continued)*

Address by His Excellency Anote Tong, President, Head of Government and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kiribati

Statement by His Excellency Joaquin Roa, Minister for National Emergencies of Paraguay

Statement by His Excellency Didier Dogley, Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change of Seychelles

Statement by His Excellency Armen Yeritsyan, Minister of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations of Armenia

Statement by His Excellency Richard Brabec, Minister of Environment of the Czech Republic

Statement by His Excellency Thoriq Ibrahim, Minister of Environment and Energy of the Maldives

Statement by His Excellency Mahendra Bahadur Pandey, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal

Statement by His Excellency Wilbur Heine, Minister-in-Assistance to the President of the Marshall Islands

Statement by His Excellency Marciej Grabowski, Minister of Environment of Poland

Statement by Her Excellency Isabel Amaral Guterres, Minister of Social Solidarity of Timor-Leste

Statement by His Excellency Nejib Derouiche, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Tunisia

Statement by Her Excellency Marisa Morais, Minister for Home Affairs of Cabo Verde

Statement by His Excellency Damcho Dorji, Minister of Home and Cultural Affairs of Bhutan

Statement by Her Excellency Adalah Al-Atira, Minister, Head of the Environmental Protection Authority of the State of Palestine

Statement by Her Excellency Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement of Myanmar

Statement by His Excellency Ramon Pardo Guerra, Minister of Civil Defence of Cuba

Statement by His Excellency Remi Allah-Kouadio, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Côte d'Ivoire

Statement by Her Excellency Isabella Lövin, Minister for International Development Cooperation of Sweden

Statement by Mr. Lapo Pistelli, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy

Statement by Mr. Edgardo Riveros Marin, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile

Statement by Mr. Syed Tariq Fatemi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan

Qatar

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Statement by Her Excellency Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union

Statement by Ms. Inger Andersen, Director-General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature

International Committee of the Red Cross

3. Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

Major Group: Women's Environment and Development Organization

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Ministerial round table 1: Reconstruction after disasters: building back better

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Rooms 1 and 2

Chair

His Excellency Numan Kurtulmus, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey

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Ministerial round table 2: International cooperation in support of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Rooms 1 and 2

Co-Chair

His Excellency Rajnath Singh, Minister of Home Affairs of India

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Announcements

A high level event "Uniting Nations, People and Action for Resilience", will take place *today*, 14 March 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in the Main Hall. The Secretary-General will lead a discussion on key challenges in reducing disaster risk in the post-2015 agenda. All are invited to attend. There will be open seating.

The Secretary-General and his Special Representative on Disaster Risk Reduction, Ms. Margareta Wahlström, will hold a press conference from 16:00 to 16:30, at the Sakura Hall, Sendai International Centre.

A daily coordination briefing for Major Groups and other stakeholders will take place in Room B-115 of the Sendai International Centre.

"Hyogo Framework Action Success Story" videos will be showcased at the Auditorium of the Sendai City Museum (opposite to Sendai International Centre) from *today*, 14 to Tuesday, 17 March 2015, from 13:45 to 15:00 and from 17:00 to 18:00.

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Summary of official meetings

Friday, 13 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Preparatory Committee
Third session

1st meeting

Opening of the third session

His Excellency Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand), Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, declared open the third session of the Preparatory Committee.

The Co-Chair made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda and other organization matters of the Preparatory Committee [item 1]

The Committee adopted the agenda for its third session, as contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(III)/1.

Election of officers

The Committee elected His Excellency Banak Joshua Dei Wal (South Sudan) as Vice-Chair of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

The Committee designated Her Excellency Katerina Sequensova (Czech Republic) as Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

The Committee was informed that His Excellency Takeshi Osuga (Japan) would serve as an ex-officio member of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups

The Preparatory Committee approved the list of non-governmental organizations and other major groups, as contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(III)/2, who would participate as Observers in the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Participation of intergovernmental organizations

The Preparatory Committee approved the list of intergovernmental organizations as contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(III)/3 who would participate as Observers in the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction [item 2]

The Preparatory Committee decided to recommend to the Conference that the negotiations on the draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction be continued in the Main Committee.

The Preparatory Committee further agreed to the modalities for proceeding with informal discussion on the draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction immediately following the adjournment of the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee.

Draft political declaration [item 3]

The Preparatory Committee decided to recommend to the Conference that the negotiations on the draft political declaration be continued in the Main Committee.

Other Matters [item 4]

The Preparatory Committee decided to revise the provisional agenda of the Conference, as contained in document A/CONF.224/1, by replacing "4. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work" with "4. Adoption of agenda and other organizational matters" (A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.1).

The Preparatory Committee further decided to recommend to the Conference that, at the opening of the Conference, statements also be made by the Prime Minister of the host country, the incoming President of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Mayor of Sendai City (A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.1, as orally revised).

The Preparatory Committee also decided to recommend to the Conference that its first plenary meeting be held from 11:00 to 13:30, on 14 March 2015 (A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.1).

2nd meeting

Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its third session [item 5]

The Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee, Her Excellency Katerina Sequensova (Czech Republic), made a statement, in which she introduced the draft report of the third session of the Preparatory Committee, as contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.2.

The Committee adopted the draft report of the third session of the Preparatory Committee, as contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.2, and authorized the Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee to finalize the report in light of the proceedings of the present meeting with a view to its submission to the Conference.

Closing of the third session

Closing statements were made by His Excellency Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand), Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee, and Her Excellency Päivi Kairamo (Finland), Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee.

Her Excellency Päivi Kairamo (Finland), Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee, declared concluded the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

General information

More details on the information below are available in document A/CONF.224/INF/1.

Security screening

Every effort is being made to ensure that security screening for access to the Conference venue is smooth and fast, but some delays may be unavoidable. All participants are encouraged to arrive early, to avoid bringing large items, and to prepare for screening when approaching the metal detectors.

Information for participants

A note by the Secretariat containing information for participants has been issued as document A/CONF.224/INF/1.

Distribution of official documents

A documents counter with limited hard copies of official documents and the *Journal* for delegations will be located in Exhibition Hall 2 during the plenary meetings of the Conference. Delegations are encouraged to bring their own mobile devices loaded with the relevant documentation. All Conference documents will be available on the Conference website (*click here*). A print-on-demand service will be available for a fee at the Business Centre for those delegations needing extra hard copies.

Circulation of written statements

Pursuant to rule 66 of the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, written statements submitted by the designated representatives referred to in rules 60 to 65 shall be distributed by the secretariat to all delegations in the quantities and in the languages in which the statements are made available to it at the site of the Conference, provided that a statement submitted on behalf of a non-governmental organization is related to the work of the Conference and is on a subject in which the organization has a special competence. Copies of written statements shall not be made by the secretariat and the written statements shall not be issued as official documents of the Conference.

All delegations, prior to delivery of the statement, are kindly requested to e-mail a copy of their statement to wcdrr2015@un.org, indicating in the subject line, "Statement and name of country or organization". Where possible, statements should be provided one day in advance of delivery or at least three hours before the delivery of the statement for onward transmission to interpreters and secretariat note-takers and for posting on the Conference website.

Arrangements for bilateral meetings

For bilateral meetings among States at the Head of State or Government or ministerial level, requests can be sent to wcdrr2015@un.org. To prevent double booking, only the delegation initiating the bilateral meeting should submit the request. Reservations will be accepted for 20-minute durations. It is essential that all requests specify the date and time of each meeting, and include the name of the other delegation participating in the bilateral meeting and expected number of participants. Limited rooms, of varying sizes with a capacity to hold between eight, ten or twelve participants in total, will be available for bilateral meetings. Every effort will be made to keep consecutive appointments of the same delegation in the same room.

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Sendai, Japan (14-18 March 2015)

Official meetings

Sunday, 15 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

10:00 to 13:00 — 3rd plenary meeting [webcast] — Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8][1] *(continued)*

Statement by His Excellency John Amarathunga, Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Religious Affairs of Sri Lanka

Statement by His Excellency Richard Brabec, Minister of Environment of the Czech Republic

Statement by His Excellency Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury, Minister of Disaster Management and Relief of Bangladesh

Statement by Her Excellency Annick Girardin, Minister of State for Development and Francophony of France

Statement by His Excellency Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli, Minister of Interior of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Statement by His Excellency René Emmanuel Sadi, Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization of Cameroon

Statement by His Excellency Samuel Manetoali, Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology of the Solomon Islands

Statement by His Excellency K. Shanmugam, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law of Singapore

Statement by His Excellency Michael Keenan, Minister for Justice of Australia

Statement by His Excellency Faamoetauloa Taito Faale Tumaalii, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Samoa

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[1] Speakers remaining from a plenary meeting, if any, will be given the floor at the beginning of the next meeting.

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Statement by His Excellency Park In Yong, Minister of Public Safety and Security of the Republic of Korea

Statement by His Excellency Joaquin Roa, Minister for National Emergencies of Paraguay

Statement by His Excellency Gilberto Magalhães Occhi, Minister of National Integration of Brazil

Statement by His Excellency Abdoulaye Balde, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Senegal

Statement by His Excellency Rashid Ahmed Bin-Fahad, Minister of Environment and Water of the United Arab Emirates

Statement by His Excellency Aaron Cook, Minister for Commerce, Industry and Environment of Nauru

Statement by His Excellency Mahafaly Solonandrasana Olivier Jocelyn, Minister of Interior and Decentralization of Madagascar

Statement by Her Excellency Laila Iskander, Minister for Urban Renewal and Informal Settlements of Egypt

Statement by His Excellency Noel Arscott, Minister of Local Government and Community Development of Jamaica

Statement by His Excellency Ismat Abdelrahman Zeinelabdin Elhassan, Minister of Interior of the Sudan

Statement by His Excellency Kubatbek Boronov, Minister of Emergency Situations of Kyrgyzstan

2. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

Statement by Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director-General of the International Organization for Migration

Statement by Ms. Grete Faremo, Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services

Statement by Ms. Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director of the World Food Programme

Statement by Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund

Statement by Mr. Jean Claude de l'Estrac, Secretary-General of the Indian Ocean Commission

15:00 to 18:00 4th plenary meeting [webcast] Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8][1] *(continued)*

Address by His Excellency Anote Tong, President, Head of Government and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kiribati

Statement by His Excellency George Thapatula Chaponda, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Malawi

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Statement by His Excellency Didier Dogley, Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change of Seychelles

Statement by His Excellency Armen Yeritsyan, Minister of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations of Armenia

Statement by His Excellency Gerry Brownlee, Leader of the House, Minister of Defence, Minister of Canterbury Earthquake Recovery, Minister responsible for the Earthquake Commission of New Zealand

Statement by His Excellency Thoriq Ibrahim, Minister of Environment and Energy of the Maldives

Statement by His Excellency Mahendra Bahadur Pandey, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal

Statement by His Excellency Wilbur Heine, Minister-in-Assistance to the President of the Marshall Islands

Statement by His Excellency Marciej Grabowski, Minister of Environment of Poland

Statement by Her Excellency Isabel Amaral Guterres, Minister of Social Solidarity of Timor-Leste

Statement by His Excellency Nejib Derouiche, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Tunisia

Statement by Her Excellency Marisa Morais, Minister for Home Affairs of Cabo Verde

Statement by Her Excellency Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement of Myanmar

Statement by His Excellency Ramon Pardo Guerra, Minister of Civil Defence of Cuba

Statement by His Excellency Remi Allah-Kouadio, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Côte d'Ivoire

Statement by Her Excellency Isabella Lövin, Minister for International Development Cooperation of Sweden

Statement by Mr. Lapo Pistelli, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy

Statement by Mr. Edgardo Riveros Marin, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile

Statement by Mr. Syed Tariq Fatemi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan

Qatar

Philippines

Statement by Mr. Luis Felipe Puente, State Minister, National Coordinator for Civil Protection of Mexico

2. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

Statement by Her Excellency Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union

Statement by Ms. Inger Andersen, Director-General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature

Statement by Mr. Tadateru Konoe, President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

3. Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

Women Major Group

Ministerial round table 1: Reconstruction after disasters: building back better

10:00 to 13:00 [webcast] Meeting Room 1 and 2 [A106]

Chair

His Excellency Numan Kurtulmus, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey

Ministerial round table 2: International cooperation in support of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction

15:00 to 18:00 [webcast] Meeting Room 1 and 2 [A106]

Chair

His Excellency Rajnath Singh, Minister of Home Affairs of India

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Programme of working sessions and side events

The interactive online programme of working sessions and side events (on-site) to be held during the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction is available on the official Conference website (please *click here*). Queries regarding side events should be addressed to wcdrr2015@un.org (with subject line "Public Forum").

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 16 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

10:00 to 13:00 5th plenary meeting Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8] *(continued)*

Statement by Her Excellency Anabela Rodrigues, Minister of Internal Administration of Portugal

Statement by Her Excellency Lina Dolores Pohl, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of El Salvador

Statement by His Excellency Damcho Dorji, Minister of Home and Cultural Affairs of Bhutan

Statement by His Excellency Andre Johnson, Minister of Environment of Togo

Statement by Mr. Vladimir Bozkho, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan

Statement by Mr. Mitiku Kassa, State Minister of Agriculture of Ethiopia

Statement by Mr. Desmond Sawyne, Minister of State for International Development of the United Kingdom

Statement by Mr. Miloš Bizjak, State Secretary at the Ministry of Defence of Slovenia

Statement by Mr. Orujali Hajiyev, Deputy Minister of Emergency Situations of Azerbaijan

Statement by Mr. Silva Roque Samuel, Vice-Minister of State Administration and Public Service of Mozambique

Statement by Mr. René Oscar Cabrera Coca, Vice-Minister of Public Defence of the Plurinational State of Bolivia

Statement by Mr. Hans Brattskar, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway

Statement by Mr. Luis Aguilera, Vice-Minister for Home Affairs of Spain

Statement by Mr. Raed Arafat, Secretary of State, Minister of Interior of Romania

Statement by Mr. Thomas Silberhorn, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany

Statement by Mr. Melizi Tahar, Vice-Minister, Head of the Natural Delegation of Major Risks of Algeria

Hungary

United States

Guyana

Israel

Colombia

State of Palestine

Costa Rica

Bosnia and Herzegovina

2. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

Statement by Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Statement by Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator of the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Statement by Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

3. Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

Workers and Trade Unions Major Group

15:00 to 18:00 6th plenary meeting Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8] *(continued)*

Statement by His Excellency Dan Kesch, Minister for Home Affairs of Luxembourg

Statement by Her Excellency Lilianne Ploumen, Minister of International Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands

Statement by Ms. Zoralma Cuello, Vice-Minister in the Presidency of the Dominican Republic

Peru

Lebanon

Guatemala

Tuvalu

Austria

Greece

Argentina

Holy See

Morocco

New Caledonia (Associate Member)

2. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

United Nations Volunteers

United Nations University

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Sovereign Military Order of Malta

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

United Nations Office for Space Affairs

Pacific Islands Forum

World Health Organization

3. Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

Persons Living with Disabilities

Major Group on Science and Technology

Ministerial round table 3: Governing disaster risk: overcoming challenges

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1 and 2 [A106]

Chair

Her Excellency María Del Pilar Cornejo, Minister of the Secretariat of Risk Management of Ecuador

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Ministerial round table 4: Reducing disaster risk in urban settings

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 1 and 2 [A106]

Chair

His Excellency Pravin Jamnadas Gordhan, Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs of South Africa

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High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 2: Risk-sensitive investment: Public-private partnerships

15:00 to 18:00 Exhibition Hall 1

Chair

His Excellency Fuat Oktay, Director-General of the Prime Ministry Emergency and Disaster Management Authority of Turkey

Keynote speaker

Ms. Gaëlle Olivier, Chief Executive Officer, General Insurance, Asia, AXA Asia

Moderator

Mr. David Eades, International journalist

Panellists

Mr. Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs of the Netherlands

Ms. Sandra Wu, Chair and Chief Executive Officer of Kokusai Kogyo and Chair of UNISDR's Private Sector Advisory Group and Private Sector Partnership

Mr. Toshiyuki Shiga, Representative Director and Vice-Chair, Nissan Motor Corporation, Limited

Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Interactive Exchange

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Summary of official meetings

Saturday, 14 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

[archive video]

1st meeting

Opening of the Conference [item 1]

The Secretary-General of the United Nations declared open the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Election of the President [item 2]

The Conference elected, by acclamation, Her Excellency Eriko Yamatani, Minister of State for Disaster Management of Japan, as President of the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Statement by the President [item 3]

The Conference heard statements by Her Excellency Eriko Yamatani, President of the Conference; His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations; His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of the host country; His Excellency Laurent Fabius, incoming President of the twenty-first session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Ms. Regina Pritchett, speaking as a representative of the nine Major Groups as defined in Agenda 21; and Her Excellency Emiko Okuyama, Mayor of Sendai City, Japan.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (A/CONF.224/1/Rev.1) [item 4]

The Conference adopted its agenda, as contained in document A/CONF.224/1/Rev.1.

The Conference approved its programme of work, as contained in documents A/CONF.224/2 and A/CONF.224/2/Add.1.

The Conference established, in accordance with rule 46 of the provisional rules of procedure, a Main Committee and allocated to it agenda item 11 (Adoption of the final outcomes of the Conference).

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 4.

Adoption of the rules of procedure [item 5]

The Conference adopted its rules of procedure, as contained in document A/CONF.224/3.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 5.

Election of officers other than the President [item 6]

Pursuant to rule 6 of the rules of procedure the following States were elected by acclamation as Vice-Presidents of the Conference: *African States*: Egypt and South Sudan; *Asia-Pacific States*: Bangladesh and Thailand; *Eastern European States*: the Czech Republic and the Russian Federation; *Latin America and Caribbean States*: Ecuador and Jamaica; and *Western European and Other States*: Finland and Switzerland.

The Conference also elected, by acclamation, Japan as the ex-officio Vice-President of the Conference.

His Excellency Toni Frisch (Switzerland) was designated as Rapporteur-General of the Conference.

The Conference decided to interpret references to "a Chair" of the Main Committee in the rules of procedure as "Co-Chairs" of the Main Committee.

The Conference elected, by acclamation, Her Excellency Päivi Kairamo (Finland) and His Excellency Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand) as the Co-Chairs of the Main Committee.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 6.

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [item 7 (a)]

The Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed the following States as members of the Credentials Committee: Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Denmark, Jamaica, Namibia, the Russian Federation, Senegal and the United States of America.

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference heard addresses by His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan and Head of Government of the host country; His Excellency Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, President of Turkmenistan; His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland; His Excellency Emanuel Mori, President and Head of Government of the Federated States of Micronesia; His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya; His Excellency Baldwin Lonsdale, President of the Republic of Vanuatu; and His Excellency Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

Statement by the President [item 3]

A statement by the President of the sixty-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly was delivered by His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland in his capacity as Vice-President of the General Assembly.

Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

The Conference heard a statement by His Excellency Han Seung-soo, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Disaster Risk Reduction and Water.

2nd meeting

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference heard addresses by Her Excellency Nguyen Thi Doan, Vice-President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam; His Excellency Muhammad Jusuf Kalla, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia; His Excellency Kwesi Bekoe Amissah-Arthur, Vice-President of the Republic of Ghana; His Excellency Prosper Bazombanza, Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi; His Excellency James Wani Igga, Vice-President of the Republic of South Sudan; Her Excellency Inonge Wina, Vice-President of the Republic of Zambia; His Excellency General Prayut Chan-ocha, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand; His Excellency Mizengo Pinda, Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania; and His Excellency Anastase Murekezi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Rwanda.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Numan Kurtulmus, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey and His Excellency Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia.

The Conference heard an address by Her Excellency Kristalina Georgieva, Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources of the European Commission.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Siaosi Sovaleni, Deputy Prime Minister of Tonga; His Excellency Ukhnaa Khurelsukh, Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia; His Excellency Asang Laoly, Deputy Prime Minister and Chair of the National Disaster Prevention and Control Committee of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; His Excellency Pravin Gordhan, Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs of South Africa; Her Excellency Maria del Pilar Cornejo, Minister of the Secretariat of Risk Management of Ecuador; His Excellency Ly Thuch, Senior Minister and Vice Chair of the National Committee for Disaster Management of Cambodia; His Excellency Vladimir Puchkov, Minister for Civil Defence, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disaster of the Russian Federation; His Excellency Didier Burkhalter, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Switzerland; His Excellency Rajnath Singh, Minister of Home Affairs of India; His Excellency Li Liguo, Minister of Civil Affairs of China; Mr. Peter Burian, State Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia; and Mr. Khayridin Abdurakhmov, Chair of the Committee on Emergency Situations of Tajikistan.

High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 1 "Mobilizing women's leadership in disaster risk reduction"

The Co-Chair of the High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 1, Her Excellency Loren Legarda, Member of the Senate of the Philippines, opened the dialogue and made a statement. The dialogue was co-chaired by Her Excellency Sanae Takaichi, Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan, who also made a statement.

A keynote address was delivered by His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan.

The partnership dialogue was moderated by Mr. Riz Khan, International journalist, who also made a statement.

The floor then was offered to the panellists, who made statements in the following order: Her Excellency Tarja Halonen, Former President of the Republic of Finland; Her Excellency Emiko Okuyama, Mayor of Sendai City, Japan; Her Excellency Kristalina Georgieva, Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources of the European Commission; Ms. Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme; Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund; and Ms. Adi Vasulevu Merewalesi, Representative of the FemLINK PACIFIC.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Mauritania, the Philippines, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Maldives, the United Kingdom and Benin.

Statements were made by the representatives of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the World Bank, the Global Environment Fund and the Global Water Partnership.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following Major Groups: Women and Indigenous Peoples.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Civil Society from Peru and Indonesia.

The Moderator, the Keynote speaker and the panellists responded to comments made and questions raised during the interactive discussion.

The Co-Chair, Her Excellency Sanae Takaichi, Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan declared the High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue on "Mobilizing women's leadership in disaster risk reduction" closed.

Main Committee

1st meeting

Her Excellency Päivi Kairamo (Finland), Co-Chair of the Main Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, opened the meeting.

The Committee was informed that in view of the time constraints, there was no need to elect a Rapporteur and that the Co-Chairs would submit the report of the Main Committee.

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Official meetings

Monday, 16 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

10:00 to 13:00 — 5th plenary meeting [webcast] — Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8][1] *(continued)*

Statement by Her Excellency Anabela Rodrigues, Minister of Internal Administration of Portugal

Statement by Her Excellency Lina Dolores Pohl, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of El Salvador

Statement by His Excellency Damcho Dorji, Minister of Home and Cultural Affairs of Bhutan

Statement by His Excellency Andre Johnson, Minister of Environment of Togo

Statement by His Excellency Marciej Grabowski, Minister of Environment of Poland

Statement by Mr. Vladimir Bozhko, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan

Statement by Mr. Mitiku Kassa, State Minister of Agriculture of Ethiopia

Statement by Mr. Desmond Sawyne, Minister of State for International Development of the United Kingdom

Statement by Mr. Miloš Bizjak, State Secretary, Ministry of Defence of Slovenia

Statement by Mr. Orujali Hajiyev, Deputy Minister of Emergency Situations of Azerbaijan

Statement by Mr. Silva Roque Samuel, Vice-Minister of State Administration and Public Service of Mozambique

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Statement by Mr. René Oscar Cabrera Coca, Vice-Minister of Public Defence of the Plurinational State of Bolivia

Statement by Mr. Hans Brattskar, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway

Statement by Mr. Luis Aguilera, Vice-Minister for Home Affairs of Spain

Statement by Mr. Raed Arafat, Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior of Romania

Statement by Mr. Thomas Silberhorn, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany

Statement by Mr. Melizi Tahar, Vice-Minister, Head of the Natural Delegation of Major Risks of Algeria

Hungary

United States

Israel

Guyana

State of Palestine

Costa Rica

Bosnia and Herzegovina

2. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

Statement by Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Statement by Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator of the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Statement by Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

3. Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

Workers and Trade Unions Major Group

15:00 to 18:00 6th plenary meeting [webcast] Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8][1] *(continued)*

Statement by His Excellency Dan Kesch, Minister for Home Affairs of Luxembourg

Statement by Her Excellency Laurentina Mallam, Minister of Environment of Nigeria

Statement by His Excellency Samuel Manetoali, Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology of the Solomon Islands

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Statement by Ms. Zoraima Cuello, Vice-Minister in the Presidency of the Dominican Republic

Peru

Lebanon

Guatemala

Tuvalu

Austria

Greece

Statement by Her Excellency Lilianne Ploumen, Minister of International Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands

Argentina

Holy See

Morocco

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Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

United Nations Volunteers

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

United Nations Office for Space Affairs

Pacific Islands Forum

World Health Organization

Statement by His Excellency Shamil Aleskerov, Secretary-General of the Economic Cooperation Organization

3. Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

Persons Living with Disabilities

Science and Technology Major Group

Ministerial round table 3: Governing disaster risk: overcoming challenges

10:00 to 13:00 [webcast] Meeting Room 1 and 2 [A106]

Chair

Her Excellency María del Pilar Cornejo, National Secretary for Risk Management of Ecuador

Ministerial round table 4: Reducing disaster risk in urban settings

15:00 to 18:00 [webcast] Meeting Room 1 and 2 [A106]

Chair

His Excellency Pravin Jamnadas Gordhan, Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs of South Africa

High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 2: Risk-sensitive investment: Public-private partnerships

15:00 to 18:00 [webcast] Exhibition Hall 1

Chair

His Excellency Fuat Oktay, Director-General of the Prime Ministry Emergency and Disaster Management Authority of Turkey

Keynote speaker

Ms. Gaëlle Olivier, Chief Executive Officer, General Insurance, AXA Asia

Moderator

Mr. David Eades, International journalist

Panellists

Mr. Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs of the Netherlands

Ms. Sandra Wu, Chair and Chief Executive Officer of Kokusai Kogyo and Chair of UNISDR's Private Sector Advisory Group and Private Sector Partnership

Mr. Toshiyuki Shiga, Representative Director and Vice-Chair, Nissan Motor Corporation, Limited

Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

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Tuesday, 17 March 2015

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Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

10:00 to 13:00 7th plenary meeting Exhibition Hall 2

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   Benin

   Nicaragua

   The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

   Jordan

2. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

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   International Labour Organization

   UN-Women

   Council of Europe

   Sovereign Military Order of Malta

   Secretariat of the Pacific Community

   International Committee of the Red Cross

3. Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

NGO Major Group

15:00 to 18:00 8th plenary meeting Exhibition Hall 2

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Haiti

Finland

Afghanistan

Panama

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Sierra Leone

Lesotho

Cook Islands

New Caledonia (Associate Member)

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10:00 to 13:00 Exhibition Hall 1

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Ministerial round table 5: Public investment strategies for disaster risk reduction

15:00 to 18:00 Meeting Room 1 and 2 [A106]

Chair

Mr. Raed Arafat, Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior of Romania

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Summary of official meetings

Sunday, 15 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

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3rd plenary meeting

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference continued its general exchange of views under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency John Amarathunga, Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Religious Affairs of Sri Lanka; His

Excellency Richard Brabec, Minister of Environment of the Czech Republic; His Excellency Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury, Minister of Disaster Management and Relief of Bangladesh; Her Excellency Annick Girardin, Minister of State for Development and Francophonie of France; His Excellency Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli, Minister of Interior of the Islamic Republic of Iran; His Excellency René Emmanuel Sadi, Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization of Cameroon; His Excellency K. Shanmugam, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law of Singapore; His Excellency Michael Keenan, Minister for Justice of Australia; His Excellency Faamoetauloa Taito Faale Tumaalii, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Samoa; His Excellency Kim Gyejo, Deputy Minister of Public Safety and Security of the Republic of Korea; His Excellency Joaquin Roa, Minister for National Emergencies of Paraguay; His Excellency Gilberto Magalhães Occhi, Minister of National Integration of Brazil; His Excellency Abdoulaye Balde, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Senegal; His Excellency Rashid Ahmed Bin-Fahad, Minister of Environment and Water of the United Arab Emirates; His Excellency Aaron Cook, Minister for Commerce, Industry and Environment of Nauru; His Excellency Mahafaly Solonandrasana Olivier Jocelyn, Minister of Interior and Decentralization of Madagascar; His Excellency Kubatbek Boronov, Minister of Emergency Situations of Kyrgyzstan; His Excellency Noel Arscott, Minister of Local Government and Community Development of Jamaica; His Excellency Ismat Abdelrahman Zeinelabdin Elhassan, Minister of Interior of the Sudan; Her Excellency Laila Iskander, Minister for Urban Renewal and Informal Settlements of Egypt; and His Excellency Qutaiba Ibrahim Turki, Minister of Environment of Iraq.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 9.

The Conference heard statements by the representatives of the United Nations Office for Project Services, the World Food Programme and the United Nations Population Fund, and by Mr. Jean Claude de l'Estrac, Secretary-General of the Indian Ocean Commission.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 9.

4th plenary meeting

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference continued its general exchange of views under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard an address by His Excellency Anote Tong, President, Head of Government and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kiribati.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency George Thapatula Chaponda, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Malawi; His Excellency Didier Dogley, Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change of Seychelles; His Excellency Armen Yeritsyan, Minister of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations of Armenia; His Excellency Thoriq Ibrahim, Minister of Environment and Energy of Maldives; His Excellency Mahendra Bahadur Pandey, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal; Her Excellency Isabel Guterres Amaral, Minister of Social Solidarity of Timor-Leste; His Excellency Nejib Derouiche, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Tunisia; Her Excellency Marisa Morais, Minister for Home Affairs of Cabo Verde; Her Excellency Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement of Myanmar; His Excellency Ramón Pardo Guerra, Minister of Civil Defence of Cuba; His Excellency Rémi Allah-Kouadio, Minister of

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The Conference heard statements by Ms. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union; Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director-General of the International Organization for Migration; and Mr. Tadateru Konoe, President of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

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The Conference heard a statement by the representative of the Women Major Group.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 10.

Ministerial Round table 1 on "Reconstruction after disasters: building back better"

The Chair of round table 1, His Excellency Numan Kurtulmus, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey, opened the round table and made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, New Zealand, Malaysia, Tonga, China, Madagascar, Malawi, Czech Republic, Iceland, Australia, France, Kenya, the Maldives, Pakistan, Paraguay, South Sudan, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, Bangladesh, Switzerland, Viet Nam, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Lebanon and the Philippines.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following entities of the United Nations system: the World Bank Group and the United Nations Development Programme.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Japan Civil Society Coalition.

The Chair declared the Ministerial round table 1 closed.

Ministerial round table 2 on "International cooperation in support of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction"

The Chair of round table 2, His Excellency Rajnath Singh, Minister of Home Affairs of India, opened the round table and made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Bhutan, Brazil, Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, the Russian

Federation, Sweden, Kyrgyzstan, Chile, the Cook Islands, Georgia, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, the United Kingdom, Viet Nam, Austria, Israel, Fiji, Morocco and Peru.

A statement was made by the representative of the European Union.

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Sovereign Military Order of Malta

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Pacific Island Forum

League of Arab States

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

World Health Organization

East African Community

3. Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

Non-governmental organizations Major Group

Local Authorities Major Group

15:00 to 18:00 8th plenary meeting [webcast] Exhibition Hall 2

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Farmers and small forest landowners Major Group

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Ministerial round table 5: Public investment strategies for disaster risk reduction

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Chair

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10:00 to 13:00 9th plenary meeting Exhibition Hall 2[1]

1. Report by the chairs of the ministerial round tables
2. Report of the chairs of the high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues
3. Credentials of representatives to the Conference: Report of the Credentials Committee [item 7 (b)]
4. Adoption of the final outcomes of the Conference [item 11]
5. Other matters [item 12]
6. Adoption of the report of the Conference [item 13]

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5th plenary meeting

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference continued its general exchange of views under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by Her Excellency Anabela Rodrigues, Minister of Internal Administration of Portugal; Her Excellency Lina Dolores Pohl, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of El Salvador; His Excellency Damcho Dorji, Minister of Home and Cultural Affairs of Bhutan; His Excellency Andre Johnson, Minister of Environment of Togo; His Excellency Marciej Grabowski, Minister of Environment of Poland; Mr. Vladimir Bozhko, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan; Mr. Mitiku Kassa, State Minister of Agriculture of Ethiopia; Mr. Desmond Sawyne, Minister of State for International Development of the United Kingdom; Mr. Miloš Bizjak, State Secretary at the Ministry of Defence of Slovenia; Mr. Silva Roque Samuel, Vice-Minister of State Administration and Public Service of Mozambique; Mr. René Oscar Cabrera Coca, Vice-Minister of Public Defence of the Plurinational State of Bolivia; Mr. Hans Brattskar, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway; Mr. Luis Aguilera, Vice-Minister for Home Affairs of Spain; Mr. Raed Arafat, Secretary of State in the Ministry of Interior of Romania; Mr. Thomas Silberhorn, State Secretary in the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany; Mr. Melizi Tahar, Vice-Minister and Head of the National Delegate for Major Risks of Algeria; the representatives of Hungary, Israel and the State of Palestine; Ms. Zoraima Cuello, Vice-Minister in the Presidency of the Dominican Republic; and the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the United States.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 9.

The Conference heard statements by Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; and by a representative of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 9.

6th plenary meeting

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference continued its general exchange of views under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Dan Kesch, Minister for Home Affairs of Luxembourg; Her Excellency Laurentina Mallam, Minister of Environment of Nigeria; His Excellency Samuel Manetoali, Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology of the Solomon Islands; the representatives of Costa Rica, Peru, Lebanon, Guatemala, Tuvalu, Austria and Greece; Her Excellency Lilianne Ploumen, Minister of International Trade and Development

Cooperation of the Netherlands; the representatives of Argentina, the Holy See and Morocco; and His Excellency Anthony Lecren, Minister of Sustainable Development, Customary Affairs and Management of the Exclusive Economic Zone of New Caledonia (Associate Member).

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 9.

The Conference heard statements by the representatives of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Volunteers, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; the Secretary-General of the Economic Cooperation Organization; and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 9.

Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 10.

The Conference heard statements by the representatives of the Disability Stakeholder Group, the Scientific and Technological Community Major Group, and the Workers and Trade Unions Major Group.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 10.

Ministerial round table 3 on "Governing disaster risk: overcoming challenges"

The Chair of round table 3, Her Excellency Maria del Pilar Cornejo, National Secretary for Risk Management of Ecuador, opened the round table and made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Indonesia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mauritius, Nauru, the United Arab Emirates, Uganda, Ghana, Spain, Botswana, Mongolia, Finland, Hungary, Italy, the State of Palestine, the Philippines, Tajikistan, the Sudan, Ethiopia, the Holy See, the United Kingdom, the United States, Fiji and Timor-Leste.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the African Union and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following entities of the United Nations system: the Special Advisor to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on Post-2015 Development Planning, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

Statements were also made by representatives of New Caledonia (associated member), the Governorship of Istanbul, Turkey and Duryog Nivaran (Civil Society Organization).

The Chair declared the Ministerial round table 3 closed.

Ministerial round table 4 on "Reducing disaster risk in urban settings"

The Chair of round table 4, His Excellency Pravin Jamnadas Gordhan, Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs of South Africa, opened the round table and made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, Trinidad and Tobago, Senegal, Germany, Portugal, Poland, Ghana, the Netherlands, Ethiopia, Panama, Niger, Madagascar, Romania, Indonesia, Gambia, Italy, Peru, Egypt, Zambia, Brazil, Guatemala, Canada, China, Colombia, Armenia and Uzbekistan.

A statement was made by the representative of the European Parliament.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following entities of the United Nations system: the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the World Bank Group.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the local governments from Japan and Jordan, as well as by the representative of the University of Brazilia.

The Chair declared the Ministerial round table 4 closed.

High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 2 "Risk-sensitive investment: Public-private partnerships"

The Chair of the High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 2, His Excellency Fuat Oktay, Director-General of the Prime Ministry Emergency and Disaster Management Authority of Turkey, opened the dialogue and made a statement.

A keynote address was delivered by Ms. Gaëlle Olivier, Chief Executive Officer of General Insurance, AXA Asia.

The partnership dialogue was moderated by Mr. David Eades, international journalist, who also made a statement.

The floor was then offered to the panellists, who made statements in the following order: Mr. Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs of the Netherlands; Ms. Sandra Wu, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer of Kokusai Kogyo and Chair of UNISDR's Private Sector Advisory Group and Private Sector Partnership; Mr. Toshiyuki Shiga, Representative Director and Vice-Chair, Nissan Motor Corporation; Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; and Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which questions were raised and statements were made by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, Mauritania, Swaziland and Zambia.

Statements were made by representatives of the following Major Groups: Business and Industry, Non-Governmental Organizations, Trade Unions and Women.

The Moderator, the Keynote speaker and the panellists responded to comments made and questions raised during the interactive discussion.

The Co-Chair, His Excellency Fuat Oktay, Director-General of the Prime Ministry Emergency and Disaster Management Authority of Turkey, declared the High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue on "Risk-sensitive investment: Public-private partnerships", closed.

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Main Committee

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Plenary

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1. Other matters [item 12]

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   Report of the Chairs of the high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues

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3. Adoption of the final outcomes of the Conference [item 11]

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Tuesday, 17 March 2015

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7th plenary meeting *General exchange of views* [item 8]

The Conference continued its general exchange of views under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Jayeshwar Raj Dayal, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, Disaster and Beach Management of Mauritius; His Excellency Henri Djombo, Minister of Forest Economy and Sustainable Development of the Congo; His Excellency Paousman Jarju, Minister of Environment,

Climate Change, Water and Wild Life of the Gambia; His Excellency Wilbur Heine, Minister in Assistance to the President of the Marshall Islands; Her Excellency Kadiatu N'Diaye, Minister in charge of Environment, Water and Forest of Guinea; His Excellency Hilary Obaloker Onek, Minister for Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees of Uganda; His Excellency Ratu Inoke Kubuabola, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Fiji; Mr. Teimuraz Murgulia, First Deputy Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia; the representatives of Nicaragua, Benin, Ireland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Papua New Guinea.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 9.

The Conference heard statements by the representatives of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, the Council of Europe, the Economic Community for Central African States, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, the Secretariat of the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the League of Arab States, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the World Health Organization and the East African Community.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 9.

8th plenary meeting

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference continued its general exchange of views under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by Her Excellency Nicole Angeline Zan Yelemou, Minister of Social Action and National Solidarity of Burkina Faso; His Excellency Eugene Serufuli, Minister for Rural Development of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; His Excellency Guy Maixent Mamiaka, Vice-Minister of Interior of Gabon; the representatives of Jordan, Canada, Belgium, Libya, Haiti, Finland, Afghanistan and Colombia; His Excellency Milton Henriquez, Minister of Government of Panama; the representatives of Sierra Leone, Lesotho, the Cook Islands, Denmark, Uruguay, Barbados, Guyana and Palau.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 9.

The Conference heard statements by the representatives of the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations University and the Gulf Cooperation Council; the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; the representatives of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Telecommunication Union, the International Hydrographic Organization, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Group on Earth Observation, the Center for the Prevention of Natural Disasters in Central America, the Pacific Islands Forum and the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 9.

Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 10.

The Conference heard statements by the representatives of the Non-Governmental Organizations Major Group, the Local Authorities Major Group, the Business and Industry Major Group, the Children and Youth Major Group, the Farmers and small forest landowners Major Group and the Indigenous Peoples Major Group.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 10.

High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 3 "Inclusive disaster risk management: Governments, communities and groups acting together"

The Chair of the High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 3, His Excellency Noel Arscott, Minister of Local Government and Community Development of Jamaica, opened the dialogue and made a statement.

A keynote address was delivered by His Excellency Anote Tong, President of the Republic of Kiribati.

The partnership dialogue was moderated by Ms. Veronica Pedrosa of Al Jazeera, who also made a statement.

The floor then was offered to the panellists, who made statements in the following order: Her Excellency Laila Iskander, Minister of Urban Development and Informal Settlements of Egypt; Her Excellency Fatimetou Abdel Malick, Mayor of Tevragh-Zeina, Mauritania; His Excellency Nicola Valluzzi, President of the province of Potenza, Italy; Mr. William Anthony Kirsopp Lake, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); Mr. Carlos Kaiser Mansilla of ONG Inclusiva; and Ms. Josephine Basibas Castillo of DAMPA, a Civil Society Organization from the Philippines.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of the Maldives, Mexico, New Caledonia (associate member), Egypt, Japan, South Africa, Nepal, the Philippines and Ecuador.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following entities of the United Nations system: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the World Bank.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following civil society organizations: World Federation of the Deaf, Global Networking of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction, International Association of Applied Psychology and the Global Water Partnership.

Statements were made by representatives of the following Major Groups: Women; and Business and Industry.

The Moderator, the Chair and the panellists responded to comments made and questions raised during the interactive discussion.

The Chair, His Excellency Noel Arscott, Minister of Local Government and Community Development of Jamaica, declared the High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue on "Inclusive disaster risk management: Governments, communities and groups acting together" closed.

Ministerial round table 5 on "Public investment strategies for disaster risk reduction"

The Chair of round table 5, His Excellency Raed Arafat, Secretary of State of the Department of Emergency Situations of Romania, opened the round table and made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, Madagascar, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Bangladesh, El Salvador, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Viet Nam, Bahrain, Tajikistan, Ghana, the Philippines, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Panama, Cabo Verde and Fiji.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations: the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) and the East African Community.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following entities of the United Nations system: the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Japan Business Federation, Municipal Council of Nablus, State of Palestine, the Institute of Risk Management and Climate Change of Bogota, and "Youth Beyond Disasters" (a civil society organization).

The Chair declared the Ministerial round table 5 closed.

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